



# TREMONT ILLINOIS

## Weekly News

### Tremont Farmers' Market

Tremont Farmers' Market begins Saturday, July 2nd from 9-12 in the small park shelter in City Park!

The market welcomes vendors with fresh vegetables/fruits as well as crafts and cottage goods (food items made in the home). For those wanting to sell "cottage" goods, please contact the Tazewell County Health Dept directly.

Fee is \$5/week for those participating. No need to register ahead of time – just show up!

Please support out local vendors!

### Tremont Museum

#### HAVE YOU BEEN to the TREMONT MUSEUM RECENTLY?

We are open this Sunday, July 10, from 2:00-4:00PM.

Located at the corner of S. Sampson and Madison Streets

- See the Tremont Agricultural Heritage Museum and the main history museum
- Admission is by donation
- Many displays are new!
- People are ALWAYS surprised at how much there is to see, and at the quality of displays



### Did You Know...?

A "Monster" Fourth of July, 1913

For several years, many Tremont residents made their desire known for some kind of town-wide celebration. Finally, a committee met and decided to hold a major celebration for the 4th of July.

An article in the June 18, 1913 issue of The Tremont News reported, "The grass will be mown and the Public Square put in fine shape for the ...celebration. The trees have grown in the past few years so that there is plenty of shade now." The village board even had a hydrant placed at the northwest corner of the Public Square (City Park) as a convenience for the event.

Pre-event publicity announced, "Tremont will celebrate the 4th of July in the old-fashioned style, even to the red lemonade. We are going to have a monster parade, speaking, racing contests, ball games, and all will wind up in the evening with a monster display of fireworks and a band concert. There will also be a grand ball at night in the Opera House. Tremont does not often celebrate the Fourth, but when they do they always give the people the worth of their money." Later articles boasted the securing of the Elgin Band, the P.&O. Quartet of Canton, and Judge Russell. Still another article advised, "Come and bring your wife or sweetheart, and if they won't come, bring somebody else's wife or sweetheart."

The event was a huge success. According to the July 11, 1913 Tremont News, "Tremont's Fourth of July celebration was a success in every way...It was the best celebration Tremont has ever had..." The article went on to describe the ball games, the decorated automobile contest, and the "extra good" fireworks display. The dance at the Opera House was one of the most successful in a long time, the News reported, with, "over fifty couples crowding the floors at all times. The dance continued until nearly 2:00 a.m..."

Now, 109 years later, we still celebrate the Fourth of July here in Tremont. While not as a town-wide celebration (The Tremont Turkey Festival does that), we still gather in groups to enjoy our freedoms and to recall how very lucky we are to live in this great country.

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society, Lori Fuoss



## Tremont District Library

### Hogwarts' Half-Bloods (YA Book Club)

Tuesday, July 19th, 7-8pm

Ages 12-19 are invited to join us to discuss a monthly book (or two) pick and enjoy a drink from Eli's. Copies of each month's book are available at the library for anyone interested! If you'd like to keep up to date with Hogwarts' Half-Bloods, email Lizzi at [lizzi@tremontlibrary.com](mailto:lizzi@tremontlibrary.com) to be added to our Remind group. Upcoming read:

- July 19th – "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder" by Holly Jackson

### Story Hour

Summer sessions of Story Hour are held on Thursdays 10:30-11:15am. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

### Crafternoons

Mondays 2-5pm

Join us on Mondays throughout the summer to make Camp themed crafts! Ages 6+, no registration required, supplies are first come, first serve!

- July 11th – Sand Art
- July 18th – Perler Beads

## Tremont CUSD 702 Strategic Planning Survey

The Tremont CUSD 702 Board of Education is conducting a survey as part of its strategic planning process. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from the community so the Board can utilize the data to update its vision and goals. Some of the questions will be more directly aimed at parents of students, but it's important to the Board to gather as much information as possible from all stakeholders. Thank you in advance for taking time to complete this survey.

The Strategic Plan and Board of Education goals are based on six pillars -- School Climate, School Facilities, Curriculum, Strong Financial Position, Quality Staff, and Co-Curricular Activities. After an introductory section, the survey is divided into sections based on these six pillars. There are opportunities to add comments after each section of the survey and also an option to add overall comments at the end of the survey.

The survey will remain available for responses until July 17, 2022.

The survey is anonymous, but there is an option to include a name and email address for those interested in participating further in the strategic planning process, which may include follow-up meetings and further collaboration.

Strategic Planning Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/sKuBmEkM5D2oBWJc8>

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### Monday

Happy 4th of July

### Saturday

Farmers' Market - 9:00AM-12:00PM  
City Park

### Sunday

Tremont Museum Open - 2:00PM-4:00PM  
Corner of S. Sampson and Madison Streets

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### Around Town



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Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

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Thank you,

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